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February 1, 2001

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Mr. Roger Adams  
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Dear Mr. Adams:

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I am writing in behalf of [REDACTED] who contacted my office requesting assistance. I am enclosing a copy of his letter, as well as correspondence from [REDACTED] Correctional Programs Specialist.

I would appreciate your looking into this for me. Please respond to my Colorado office.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Udall  
Member of Congress

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Aug 28, 1999

The Honorable Mark Udall,  
1333 West 120th Ave. #210  
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Dear Congressman Udall,

I am writing on behalf of ██████████ Mr. Edward Stout, who has made an application to the Justice Department to have his name cleared from the records as a convicted felon, in other words a request for a pardon.

Very briefly, the circumstances are as follows:

1. Edward was arrested, together with ██████████ and ██████████ in Golden, Colorado, on October 28, 1988, for possession and attempt to sell cocaine. He was sentenced on May 18, 1989 to 41 months in prison, and three years of supervised release. He served his sentence at the Federal Corrections Institution in Englewood, Colorado.

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4. The purpose of this letter is to ask for your support in his application for a pardon, to the extent that you may be able to help. I do so because I think that Edward's punishment was unduly severe, given the relatively minor role he had in the transaction in Golden. This is not to minimize the fact that he broke the law, and that the traffic in drugs is a serious problem in our society. But he served his sentence. He was never involved in drugs himself, and will most certainly never will be involved. As an enclosure to this letter I am copying some character testimonials I wrote at the time of his arrest and sentencing to then Senator Tim Wirth. What I said then stands today and is vindicated by Edward's life since his release more

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There is a family that could well stand as role model that those who clamor for "family values" in our society might look to. ██████████ family environment that is wholesome and that they will make their way into adulthood in a manner that is beneficial to society – a major achievement in this day and age. Edward has held full-time jobs since his

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release from FCI, and has shown himself to be a good and dependable worker and gained the esteem and support of his employers. [REDACTED]

In summation, I believe that Edward Stout has more than repaid his debt to society to a level that goes well beyond his transgression. There remains that stain on his character which I do not think he deserves: he is still branded as a Felon, and unless he obtains a pardon will be so branded for the rest of his life: this, I believe, is unjust. I would suggest that an enquiry to Mr. Thomas Destito, would back my assessment of Edward's character and prospects. Mr. Destito is Probation Officer, District of Colorado Probation Dept. and he was Edward's contact during the three years probation period, and has remained in unofficial contact with Edward to this day.

[REDACTED] and I would be most grateful to you for any steps you may be able to take in the clearing of our [REDACTED] good name.

Sincerely,  
[REDACTED]

Professor Emeritus,  
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Dear Congressman Udall:

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This responds to your letter of February 1, 2001, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, [REDACTED] in support of the application for pardon filed by his [REDACTED] Edward Stout.

Mr. Stout's application for pardon is under consideration. The processing time for a pardon application can be lengthy, and we can give no assurance that final action will be taken by the President within a particular time frame. Accordingly, we are unable to advise you when you may expect a decision on Mr. Stout's application. He will be notified promptly, however, when a final decision is made.

Sincerely,

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July 11, 2001

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Dear Mr. Adams:

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I am writing in behalf of [REDACTED], who contacted my office requesting assistance regarding [REDACTED] Edward Stout. I am enclosing a copy of his letter.

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Sincerely,

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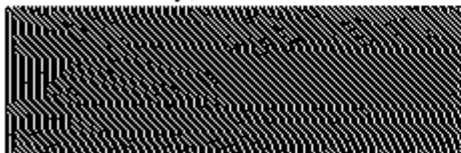
Dear Congressman Udall,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to you in December of last year concerning the request for a pardon for  Edward Stout. I received a reply from you, enclosing the response from the Justice Department to the effect that the matter was "under consideration".

I want to emphasize that the request is not for Edward to be absolved from paying his dues to society for breaking the law: he did that ten years ago. What is being asked for is the erasing his being branded as a "felon", perhaps for the rest of his life. He has led a responsible life as a law abiding citizen, a family man and a good worker; he has held steady employment since his release from the Federal Corrections Institution - currently he is employed by the City of Lafayette. He has received promotions in the various responsible jobs he has held; and I am sure that his employers would testify to his value as an employee and to his character and reliability.

So, what is holding up a simple document that would make it possible for Edward to regain his full citizen rights - as, for instance being allowed to vote? This is really a very simple matter. I thank you for approaching the Justice Department last year, and I am asking that you do so again so as not allow this case to languish by neglect. Edward is not a rich and powerful person: he is just a good man, who did something wrong eleven years ago, paid his dues, and needs to regain his place in society fully. Anything you can do to expedite the resolution of this case will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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December 26, 2000

The Honorable Mark Udall  
128 Cannon House Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman Udall,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to you in August of last year concerning an application for a pardon for [REDACTED], Edward Stout.

The facts and details of the case are stated in the enclosed letter, so I will not repeat them here. But I will say that the sentiments that my wife and I expressed then are more than sustained now. We feel very strongly that, as stated in the letter, Edward paid his due to society in full and that the time has come to clear his name and remove his brand as a felon from the record.

I understand that Edward wrote to the Justice Department last year making an application for a pardon. As a result of which he was interviewed by Federal agents, as were a number of people who might have been able to provide a character reference for Edward since his release from prison. I am sure that all the people who were approached, including his probation officer and his employers will have spoken warmly in support of the application. Neither my wife nor I have been contacted at any time; presumably because family opinions in cases like this may not be deemed relevant. This is a pity, as we are in a very good position to attest persuasively to the character and behavior of Edward in great detail.

Nothing has been heard from the Justice Department since the interviews, which occurred ( I believe ) last spring or summer. I am writing to you now to ask the favor of inquiring what is the status of Edward's case. It seems to me that this would be a good time for the President to grant Edward a pardon - as he has recently done to others. This has dragged too long, and I am not confident that we would get a sympathetic, or just, hearing during the incoming administration. Your help, therefore, would be very much appreciated by me and by my wife [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



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AUG 15 2001

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Dear Congressman Udall:

B6 This responds to your letter of July 11, 2001, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, [REDACTED], in support of the application for pardon filed by his [REDACTED], Edward Stout.

B6 Mr. Stout's application for pardon remains under consideration, although it is not "languish[ing] by neglect" as Professor [REDACTED] suggests. The processing time for a pardon application can be lengthy, and we can give no assurance that final action will be taken by the President within a particular time frame. Accordingly, we are unable to advise you when you may expect a decision on Mr. Stout's application. He will be notified promptly, however, when a final decision is made. With respect to Professor [REDACTED] comment that Mr. Stout seeks a pardon to "eras[e] his being branded a 'felon,'" he should know that a presidential pardon does not relieve the recipient from the obligation to disclose that he has been convicted of the offense, when required to report the conviction. Therefore, on any application or other document that requires the information, a pardon recipient must disclose the fact of his conviction, although the information that a presidential pardon has been granted may be included and the warrant may be shown.

Sincerely,

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